

The lack of impartiality in our public media will continue to have the polarizing effect it has had for the last several years. Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of the rampant media consolidation we are experiencing.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and at its will to promote its agenda. When large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line regardless of what we need for our democracy.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you and more importantly, I expect our government to act responsibly.